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Elm Farms, Inc.
15542 Bottom Prairie Rd.
Okawville, IL 62271

Re: Elm Farms, Inc.
NPDES No. ILA010097
Notice of Incompleteness

Gentlemen:

The application and supporting documents for the NPDES Permit, received on May 31st, 2012, for the above referenced project has been reviewed and deemed an incomplete submission for the purpose of review towards issuance of an NPDES permit. The following specific information and documentation are required to be submitted within the designated time frame below in order that we may continue our review.

1. Please provide topographic maps indicating the location of the above referenced facilities, livestock waste management facilities, livestock waste handling facilities as stated in Special Condition 1 of the General CAFO NPDES Permit under the heading Initial Authorizations under the General Permit.
2. Please provide verification that stormwater not contaminated by livestock waste is diverted from the livestock handling facility. Also, demonstrate that precipitation landing on the feedlot or waste handling facilities is not discharged to Waters of the State as required by Special Condition 3.c. of the General NPDES Permit.
3. There is little mention about the existence of uncovered temporary manure stacks. Provide evidence that temporary manure stacks are maintained in a manner to prevent runoff and leachate from entering surface or groundwater and prevent discharges to Waters of the State. Also show that temporary manure stacks shall be located at a distance greater than 100 feet from water wells, 200 feet from potable water supply wells, or greater than 400 feet from community water supply wells, and only exist for periods less than 6 months as required by Special Condition 3.i. of the General NPDES Permit.
4. Please provide the design and construction plans, and operational and maintenance practice plans for the proposed feed storage area, stack pads, sand pad, berms, barns and other additions specified in Part 1, page 18 and shown in the "Facilities Detail Map," in Part 1 on of the submitted application as stated in Special Condition 4.e.v. of the General NPDES Permit. Please include in these plans, discussion that show the means of control of runoff and process wastewater from existing and proposed facilities. This discussion

must include the outdoor production areas where livestock waste exists and comply with Special Condition 3 of the General NPDES Permit.

5. Please state the status of any application for construction with the Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA). Please state if the proposed additions must require IDOA approval under the Livestock Management Facilities Act. This response must include all facilities proposed in Part 1, page 18 and those shown on the "Facilities Detail Map."
6. Submit practices to prevent direct contact of livestock with Waters of the State as stated in Special Condition 3.g. of the General NPDES Permit.
7. Please provide specific odor control practices during waste removal and field application so as to not affect neighboring residences as stated in Special Condition 4.b. of the General Permit.
8. Please indicate the individual responsible for preparing the application and NMP and document if the NMP was prepared by a certified nutrient management planner and from whom the certification was issued in accordance with Special Condition 7.a.vii.
9. Submit information in the nutrient management plan that depth markers will be installed and monitored as required by Special Condition 7.c. of the General CAFO Permit.
10. Please submit electronic copies of the entire application and submission for the purpose of a possible public notice.

The General CAFO NPDES Permit No. ILA01 can be found at the following web address:
<http://www.epa.state.il.us/water/permits/cafo/general-npdes-permit.pdf>

Please provide a written response to the above items within 30 days of the date of this letter. Failure to submit a response that includes the requested information within the time period specified may cause the Permit Section to refer the facility to the compliance and enforcement programs, and could be cause for denial of your NPDES Permit. Include on all correspondence the above proposed NPDES permit number.

Upon receiving a written response including the requested information the Agency will continue review of the application. Should you have any questions or comments regarding the above, please contact Yacine Anane at (217) 782-0610 or at the above address.

Sincerely,



Yacine Anane
Environmental Protection Engineer
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